The Committee is expected to look into the following aspects:

(i) Implementation of 27% reservation for the OBCs in institutes of higher learning; and

(ii) Assessment of additional infrastructure and other requirements for increasing the overall availability of seats to a level so that the present level of seats available to the general category students does not decline.

(c) No, Sir.

Meeting requirements of power

†*213. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to meet the requirement of power consumption and to provide power at cheaper rate to farmers;

(b) whether any action plan has been formulated by Government regarding construction of new power projects to increase the power production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) The steps taken to augment the supply of power to meet the power requirement *inter-alia,* include:

Adequate capacity addition.

Early stabilization of newly commissioned units.

Maximization of generation through better performance in Plant Load Factor (PLF) of thermal power stations.

Power stations with low PLF have been identified and are linked with better performing stations under the scheme "Partnership for Excellence" for adopting better operational practices.

Enhancement of Inter-State and Inter-regional transfer of power by strengthening of inter-regional transmission links eventually leading to formation of National Grid.

Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

As per the provisions of Electricity Act, 2003 the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have the powers to fix the tariff for the sale of electricity to consumers including farmers. Section 65 of the Act, provides that in case the State Government likes to subsidise any consumer or class of consumers the State Government shall pay to the concerned utility/licensee the full amount required for the purpose.

(b) and (c) National Electricity Policy envisages "Power for ail by 2012" and per capita availability of power to be increased to over 1,000 units by 2011-12. According to the estimation of Central Electricity Authority, capacity addition of about 1,00,000 MW is required during 10th and 11th plans period. Identification and execution of power projects is an ongoing exercise. At present, projects aggregating over 39,300 MW are under execution. About 16,900 MW has been commissioned in the Xth Plan so far.

Rehabilitation of Tehri Dam displaced persons

*214. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tehri Dam displaced persons who have been provided agricultural land by THDC at Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad, Haridwar have not settled there due to inadequate facilities;

(b) whether agricultural land has been provided separately from residential area;-

(c) whether this is making it difficult for the allottees as agricultural plots have neither been provided with electricity connections nor have these plots been clearly and individually marked by signboards;

(d) if so, by when electricity connections and individual marking is likely to be provided to these agricultural plots; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (e) The rehabilitation work of the Tehri Project is being carried out by the Government of Uttaranchal in accordance with the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hanumantha Rao and which has been accepted